

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

**Claim 1** (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

first calculation means for calculating a charge for using application software, which ~~creates data to be processed by an external device is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation~~; and

second calculation means for calculating a charge for using the ~~external an~~ output device, which processes outputs the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

third calculation means for calculating an output charge based on the calculated charges by said first and second calculation means.

**Claim 2** (Previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

**Claim 3** (Previously presented): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and external storage device.

**Claim 4** (Currently Amended): A charge calculation apparatus comprising:

first calculation means for calculating a charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data; and

second calculation means for calculating a charge for using application software to use the device; and

third calculation means for calculating a data processing charge based on the calculated charges by said first and second calculation means.

**Claim 5 (Original):** The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is stored in said charge calculation apparatus.

**Claim 6 (Original):** The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

**Claim 7 (Currently Amended):** A charge calculation method comprising:

    a first calculation step of calculating a charge for using application software, which ~~creates data to be processed by an external device~~ is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation; and

    a second calculation step of calculating a charge for using the ~~external an~~ output device, which processes outputs the data created and/or edited by the application software; and

a third calculation step of calculating an output charge based on the calculated charges in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 8 (Previously presented):** The method according to claim 7, wherein the application software creates and/or edits document data.

**Claim 9 (Previously presented):** The method according to claim 7, wherein the external device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and external storage device.

**Claim 10 (Currently Amended):** A charge calculation method comprising:

a first calculation step of calculating a charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data; and

a second calculation step of calculating a charge for using application software to use the device; and

a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge based on the calculated charges in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 11 (Original):** The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is stored in a computer.

**Claim 12 (Original):** The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

**Claim 13 (Currently Amended):** A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a charge for using application software, which ~~creates data to be processed by an external device is used to create and/or edit data by a user operation~~; and

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a charge for using the ~~external an output device, which processes outputs the data created and/or edited by the application software~~; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating an output charge based on the calculated charges in said first and second calculation step.

**Claim 14 (Currently Amended):** A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of a first calculation step of calculating a charge for using a device for inputting or outputting data; and

a code of a second calculation step of calculating a charge for using application software to use the device; and

a code of a third calculation step of calculating a data processing charge based on the calculated charges in said first and second calculation step.